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SUBJECT: ROK-JAPAN DIFFICULTIES

1. THE FOLLOWING IS YOMIURI REPORT OF DIET INTERPELLATIONS
SEPT 5 IN LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

2. IN REFERENCE TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3 OF THE
JAPAN-ROK BASIC TREATY WHICH STIPULATE THE ROK GOVERNMENT
AS "THE SOLE, LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT IN KOREA," FONOFF
TRATIES BUREAU DIRGEN MATSUNAGA SAID, "WE DO NOT HAVE
THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ROK AND ROKG ARE SOLE, LEGITIMATE
GOVERNMENT ON THE WHOLE KORAN PENINSULA." FOREIGN MINISTER
KIMURA SAID, "I, TOO, HAVE THAT UNDERSTANDING."

3. HOWEVER, TREATIES BURAU DIRGEN MATSUNAGA ADDED,
"THE GOVERNMENT'S UNDERSTANDING IS THE SAME AS THAT AT
THE TIME OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE JAPAN-ROK BASIS TREATY
OF 1965". WHEN ASKED, " DID YOU CALL THE AREA SOUTH OF
THE 38TH PARALLEL KOREA, AT THE TIME OF THE CONCLUSION OF
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THE JAPAN-ROK BASIC TEATY?", BUREAU DIRGEN ANSWERED,

"THE WORD 'KOREA' MEANS THE WHOLE PENINSULA. HOWEVER, 'THE SOLE, LEGITIMATE' IN ARTICLE 3 OF THE BASIC TREATY SHOWS THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT MEANT THE GOVERNMENT WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY RULING OVER THE SOUTH."

4. ON THIS POINT, ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES OF FONOFF SAID THAT THE ANSWER BY BUREAU DIRGEN DOES NOT MEAN A CHANGE IN HITHERTO-FOLLOWED UNDERSTANDING, FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: (1) ARTICLE 3 OF THE JAPAN-ROK BASIC TREATY IS BASED ON UNGA RESOLUTION NO. 195, AND (2) ACCORDING TO THIS RESOLUTION, IT IS "A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT (REPUBLIC OF KOREA GOVERNMENT) WHICH IS EXERCISING EFFECTIVE RULE AND JURISDICTION OVER THE PART OF KOREA WHERE THE GREATER MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF ALL KOREA ARE RESIDING, OVER WHICH (PART) THE UN TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN KOREA WAS ABLE TO CONDUCT SUPERVISION AND CONSULTATIONS".

5. DURING SAME INTERPELLATIONS KIMURA SAID, "PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA ARE EXTREMELY ESSENTIAL, AND CONTINUATION OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUES AND PEACEFUL, AUTONOMOUS UNIFICATION ARE MOST DESIRABLE. WE WISH TO DEEPEN EXCHANGE IN CULTURE, SPORTS, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WITH NORTH KOREA. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT THINKING OF THE PROBLEM OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AT PRESENT."

6. WE WILL BE COMMENTING BY SEPTEL.
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